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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES).

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Description: The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is proposing to collect data for a new round of the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES). Featuring a new "Core Plus" study design, FACES will provide data on a set of key indicators, including information for performance measures. The design allows for more rapid and frequent data reporting (Core studies) and serves as a vehicle for studying more complex issues and topics in greater detail and with increased efficiency (Plus studies).

The FACES Core study will assess the school readiness skills of Head Start children, survey their parents, and ask their Head Start teachers to rate children's social and emotional skills. In addition, FACES will include observations in Head Start classrooms, and program director, center director, and teacher surveys. FACES Plus studies include additional survey content of policy or programmatic interest, and may include additional programs or respondents beyond those participating in the Core FACES study.

Previous notices provided the opportunity for public comment on the proposed Head Start program recruitment and center selection process (FR V.78, pg.75569 12/12/2013; FR V.79, pg.8461 02/12/2014) and the data collection (FR V. 79, pg. 11445 02/28/2014). This 30-day notice describes the first set of planned data collection activities for the FACES Core study. Classroom and child sampling information collection, direct child assessments, parent surveys, and teacher child reports for the Core study are included in this clearance package.

Methods for Core data collection start with site visits to 120 centers in 60 Head Start programs to sample classrooms and children for participation in the study. Field enrollment specialists (FES) will request a list of all Head Start-funded

classrooms from Head Start staff and will ask for the teacher's first and last names, the session type (morning, afternoon, full day, or home visitor), and the number of Head Start children enrolled. Then for each selected classroom the FES will request the names and dates of birth of each child enrolled.

Approximately two weeks later, assessors will go to the 60 Head Start programs to directly assess the school readiness skills of 2,400 children sampled to participate in FACES. Parents of sampled children will complete surveys on the Web or by telephone about their children, activities they engage in, and family background. Head Start teachers will rate each sampled child's social and emotional skills (approximately 10 children per classroom) using the Web or paper-and-pencil forms.

The purpose of the Core data collection is to support the 2007 reauthorization of the Head Start program (Pub. L. 110-134), which calls for periodic assessments of Head Start's quality and effectiveness. As additional information collection activities are fully developed, in a manner consistent with the description provided in the 60-day notice (79 FR 11445) and prior to use, we will submit these materials for a 30-day public comment period under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Respondents: Head Start children, parents of Head Start

children, Head Start teachers and Head Start staff.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total Number of Respondents	Annual Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hour per Response	Estimated Annual Burden Hours
Classroom sampling form from Head Start staff	120	40	1	0.17	7
Child roster form from Head Start staff	120	40	1	0.33	13
Head Start core parent consent form	2,400	800	1	0.17	136
Head Start core child assessment	2,400	800	2	0.75	1,200
Head Start core parent survey	2,400	800	2	0.33	528
Head Start fall parent supplemental survey	2,400	800	1	0.08	64
Head Start core teacher child report	240	80	20	0.17	272
Total					2,220

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE

Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address:

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OMB Comment: OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register.

Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following:

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